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EXCERPT

Drew Pearson at 6:45 P.M. over WTOP (Washington) and various other stations throughout the country:

"Prediction number five, wire-tapping. Though it's supposed to be against the law, wire-tapping has now become one of the worst scandals of the nation. So many wire-taps are put on government telephones in Washington, that few of them are safe. This is done by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, Military Intelligence, Naval Intelligence, and the FBI, most of it in cooperation with the telephone company.

"But in New York, there's a new type of wire-tapping, businessmen who spy on competitors. It's against the law to peep through anyone's window, and peeping toms are arrested and jailed; but it's not against the law for a businessman to spy on his competitor by putting a peeping tom microphone on his telephone. The man who actually does the wire-tapping is punished if he gets caught, but the peeping tom who hires the wire-tapper goes scot free.

"So here is my prediction. Frank Hogan, forthright District Attorney of New York, will soon break a very big wire-tapping case. I predict it will involve the famous television program, the \$64,000 Question, and the wire-tapping that took place to select this program."